

REMARKS

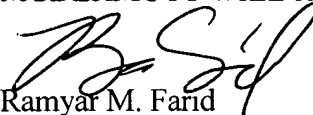
The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2 and 4 is acknowledged and appreciated. Although the pending rejections are traversed, solely in order to expedite issuance of the present application, the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice/disclaimer to the subject matter embodied thereby and claims 2 and 4 have been rewritten into independent form so as to leave only allowable claims pending.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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